

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Alexandria Division

TIARRA FAIN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RAPPAHANNOCK REGIONAL JAIL,

et al.,

Defendants.

x

:

:

: CASE NO. 3:12-CV-293

:

:

:

x

Deposition of OFFICER VINA REED

Stafford, Virginia

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

1:27 p.m.

Job No.: 32439

Pages: 1 - 16

Reported by: Sarah M. Bickel, RPR

PLAINTIFF'S
EXHIBIT

tabbles

DEPOSITION OF OFFICER VINA REED
CONDUCTED ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013

9

1 she was at Mary Washington Hospital?

2 A Not that I recall.

3 Q Have you ever been over to Mary Washington
4 Hospital to watch an inmate, if you will?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Have you ever been over there to watch a
7 pregnant inmate?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Are you familiar with what the policy of
10 the jail is concerning the restraining --

11 A Yes.

12 Q -- of pregnant inmates?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And what is that policy?

15 A Basically if they're in active labor, they
16 are not restrained in transport or at the hospital.

17 Q So if they're in active labor --

18 A If they're in active labor, we do not
19 restrain.

20 Q And how do you define "active labor"?

21 A Well, that's the medical department to
22 determine if they're in active labor or not.

DEPOSITION OF OFFICER VINA REED
CONDUCTED ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013

10

1 Q The medical department here?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And how about once they get to the
4 hospital?

5 A Well, once they're at the hospital, we do
6 not have restraints on them while they're in labor
7 and having their babies.

8 Q Would it be a violation of the policy to
9 have restraints on them while they were at the
10 hospital?

11 A You talking about during delivery?

12 Q Anytime during the hospital.

13 A Not anytime during the hospital, no.

14 Q So when we're in the hospital, they are
15 restrained at some times, correct?

16 A Correct.

17 Q At what times?

18 A It's after they have given birth and have
19 been cleaned up.

20 Q So after birth, they are restrained?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Are they restrained while feeding?

DEPOSITION OF OFFICER VINA REED
CONDUCTED ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013

11

1 A Yes, they could be.

2 Q And during feeding, how would they be
3 restrained, according to your policy?

4 A Normally we have either a leg or an arm
5 retrained to the bed.

6 Q A leg tethered to the bed?

7 A Right, or an arm tethered to the bed.

8 Q Or both of them or just one each?

9 A Normally it's one.

10 Q Whose responsibility is it to put the
11 tethers on or off the inmates during this delivery
12 procedure?

13 MR. FRANCUZENKO: During delivery
14 procedure?

15 A Not during delivery at all.

16 BY MR. SHIELDS:

17 Q So they're not tethered at all?

18 A Not during delivery, sir.

19 Q And if they were, it would be a violation
20 of your policies?

21 A Correct.

22 Q Did you ever have any dealings with

DEPOSITION OF OFFICER VINA REED
CONDUCTED ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013

13

1 hospital, yes.

2 BY MR. SHIELDS:

3 Q After they got to the hospital?

4 MR. FRANCUZENKO: Same objection.

5 BY MR. SHIELDS:

6 Q What I'm asking is, you take an inmate
7 who's pregnant, gets to the hospital not in active
8 labor, would she be restrained or not, according to
9 your policy?

10 A Yes.

11 MR. FRANCUZENKO: Same objection.

12 BY MR. SHIELDS:

13 Q In the hospital, at what point do the
14 restraints come off, according to your policy?

15 A They would -- when they would come in
16 active labor.

17 Q And who would tell you they were or
18 weren't in active labor at the hospital?

19 A The nurse or a doctor.

20 Q If the nurse never said she was in active
21 labor, would the restraints ever have come off,
22 according to your policy?

DEPOSITION OF OFFICER VINA REED
CONDUCTED ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013

14

1 A I'm unsure of how to answer that.

2 Q Let me ask this. According to your
3 policy, are they to be restrained until active labor
4 begins?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And that's at the hospital or not, right?

7 A You're saying at the hospital?

8 Q Yes, ma'am.

9 A Would they be restrained?

10 Q That's right.

11 A If they're not in labor?

12 Q If they're not in labor.

13 A Yes.

14 Q So they would be restrained up to the
15 point where the doctor or the nurse says that now
16 they're in active labor, remove the restraints; is
17 that the policy?

18 A I don't think that's in detail, step by
19 step how it goes.

20 Q Can you tell me how it does go?

21 A I'm unsure.

22 Q But your impression is that they stay

DEPOSITION OF OFFICER VINA REED
CONDUCTED ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013

15

1 restrained until active labor is pronounced by either
2 the nurse or the doctor; am I correct about that?

3 A Basically, yes.

4 Q Thank you.

5 Has anybody told you whether or not
6 Ms. Fain was restrained during delivery?

7 A No.

8 Q So you don't know, one way or the other?

9 A No.

10 MR. SHIELDS: Thank you. No further
11 questions.

12 MR. FRANCUZENKO: We're going to waive on
13 this one.

14
15 (Signature having been waived, the
16 deposition of OFFICER VINA REED concluded at
17 1:38 p.m.)
18
19
20
21
22